

# THE CRUMB

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## Welcome to Bread Loaf

THE CRUMB greets you on the opening day of the twenty-eighth session of the Bread Loaf School of English. We shall be on hand every day at lunch to bring you news of school activities, official and unofficial.

In the preliminary announcement we indicated the duties of the Inn Desk and Director's Office. Members of the staff desire in every way to minister to the wants of the students. They do not expect to be tipped, and students are requested not to offer such remuneration. Please understand that our facilities are not hotel facilities but merely dormitory accommodations. Leave suggestions concerning room equipment or repairs with Miss Becker. The staff hopes that your stay will be a pleasant one.

## Little Theatre Tonight

Formal opening of the school will occur tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Little Theatre, Dr. Stephen A. Freeman, Vice-President of Middlebury College presiding. Immediately after the exercises there will be an informal gathering in the recreation room at the Barn. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Middlebury Church Services

The taxi will make a trip to Middlebury each Sunday morning for those wishing to attend church services. The Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, and Methodist services begin at 10:45 a.m., and the masses at the Catholic Church are held at 8:30 and 10:30. Those who wish to reserve space in the taxi for tomorrow's trip are asked to sign at the Inn Desk, stating which church they wish to attend.

## Dining Room Notice

It is imperative that all students come to meals promptly. Inasmuch as those who are waiting on table must reach their classes on time, no one may be served breakfast after 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. There can be no exceptions to this rule.

## Library Notice

The library will be open on regular schedule starting Monday:

### Weekdays

8:15 -- 12:30 noon  
1:45 -- 5:00 p.m.  
7:15 -- 10:00 p.m.

### Saturdays

8:30 -- 12:00 noon  
1:45 -- 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday

9:00 -- 12:00 noon

7:30 -- 9:00 p.m.

Play Tryouts

A program of Irish plays by Lady Gregory is planned for Friday, June 11. The two plays are "Rising of the Moon" and "Hyacinth Halvey". Tryouts for "Rising of the Moon" will be held Monday afternoon at 3:00 and for "Hyacinth Halvey" at 4:00. Mimeographed copies of the plays are available at the library and should be read in advance by anyone wishing to try out.

Hikers, on Guard!

First hike of the season will be a short teaser of an hour's duration, starting point the Inn Porch at 3:00 p.m. Monday; destination, Brandybrook. Joe Jones, former Eastern Collegiate ski champion, is this season's hike leader. P. S. he now eschews skis for shoes, weather permitting that is.

Notice to Smokers

Please do not crush cigarettes on the floors of classrooms or of any other rooms. It is also requested that you be careful to extinguish your cigarettes wherever you are.

Book Store

The Book Store will open immediately after lunch today and remain open for as long as necessary. Regular Book Store hours will be announced in our next issue.



# THE CRUME

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## Frost Tonight

Any similarity to a weather report is purely coincidental. Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre Robert Frost will give an informal talk with readings from his poems. It is requested that anyone who wishes to have books autographed should leave his book, enclosing the name to be inscribed, with Miss Butler at the Book Store.

## Director's Office

It is requested that those who wish to change their status from credit to non-credit student or vice-versa should report the change to the instructors as well as to Miss Becker.

## Book Store

After the first onslaught calms to a gallop, the Book Store hours will be as follows: daily through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., and 7:00 to 7:30 in the evening. This afternoon the store will be open for as long as your endurance demands.

There are available for sale now several copies of Mr. Frost's books, both the Collected Poems and individual volumes of "Steeplebush" and "A Masque of Reason".

Those who have transferred from Mr. Cook's course to another may exchange their copies of "Literature of the United States" if they do so immediately.

## Tennis Reminder

Sign up sheets are now on the board by the tennis court. Be sure to use them. Also it is imperative that only those with tennis shoes use the courts.

## Taxi Service

The round trip taxi fare to Middlebury is \$5.00, or one dollar apiece when several are sharing expenses.

## Buzz, Buzz (or Please Pass the Flit Gun)

Sing a song of insect, pocket full of I,  
The squadron mosquitoes descend on a thigh  
An ankle, an elbow, or whatever's handy;  
Proboscis on beam, the precision is dandy.  
    Defenseless the humans who walk in the night  
    But Remember the Maine! They have fought the good fight.  
    Walking or talking is garbled with gesture  
    With flailing and wailing enough to divest-ye  
Of all of your senses, your peace and your calm and set you to stuttering 23rd Psalm.  
Then up from the valley before break of day those gallant boys in the blue and grey,  
Our saviors arrive with the product of Science (not for us Emerson's Self Reliance)  
Indubitably we all agree that only God made D. D. T.



# THE CRUMB

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July 1, 1947

## Inn Desk

Reservations for taxis should be made as far in advance as possible, particularly for the Sunday church trip.

Many ordered Sunday papers and failed to call for them. Hereafter, your papers will be held for you until 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, after which time they will go on general sale.

## Nurse's Hours

Mrs. Jane Wilkinson, school nurse, will be in her office at Maple 2 during the following hours: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m., 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## Bar Hours

Barb Nourse, Snack Bar Manager, announces the following schedule: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. During evening programs, the bar will be closed but will be opened immediately afterward.

## Evening Lecture Reminder

It is customary for the first two rows of seats in the Little Theatre to be reserved for Faculty members. Please remember this next time you go early to establish squatter's rights.

Item Two: anyone who does not attend the evening lecture is asked to be as quiet as possible if he remains near the theatre for as long as the program lasts.

## Help Wanted

The librarians have immediate need for help in transporting much needed textbooks up the mountain. If you have a car and a large heart, please get in touch with Miss French or Miss Pettitt whenever you plan a trip to Middlebury.

## Contributor's Column: Some Crust

Each year this time--a tale retold--  
We "must" the new, and dust the old,  
Look on a waving sea of faces,  
Put the familiar in their places---  
Some feet to connect each name and pan,  
Rise to the occasion if you can.

(But who in H--- can feel much leaven at the ungodly hour of seven?)

Your pardon if our memories thin out, and, resultantly, our lines string out.  
So nice to see you, Jane; I hear you did quite well at school last year---

You're out? Indeed, now I remember, you got your M. A. last September---

Oh, hello, Jean. Yes, I got your note--- You didn't get mine? Why, I wrote---

But here's an old friend I must greet, and Jean, I'd like to have you meet---

Sorry, Ann, your last name slips my mind. Just whisper it, if you'd be so kind.

Oh, damn, she says, "If it's all the same to you, call me Lucille; that's my name

Ethel Frazier



# THE CRUMB

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July 2, 1947

## Lost and Found

Please report all lost and found articles at the Inn Desk. Already the collection is attaining proportions, chief items being a lost silver ring with green setting and a found sorority or class pin.

## Play Production

Cast lists and notice of rehearsals for "Hyacinth Halvey" and "The Rising of the Moon" are now posted on the Drama bulletin board. Sign-up sheets are also posted for technical committees. Anyone wishing to do backstage work on the first production please sign today.

## Book Store

When the books to be autographed by Mr. Frost are again in the Book Store, there will be a notice in THE CRUMB.

Also, to avoid the extra wear and tear on your shoe leather and dispositions, be it known that there are no new arrivals in the book department.

## Horse Discourse

Mildred Cram, provider of riding horses, reports that unless she is assured a collective total of thirty horse-hours a week, she will be unable to supply your mounting needs. Therefore, it is urged that, after your name on the sign-up list, you include the number of hours you intend to be boots, saddle to horse and away.

## Official Request

Tradition says at Bread Loaf in days of now and yore  
That men must wear a tie and coat besides the furthermore  
Whenever they are seated in the Dining Room for dinner;  
May no one suffer reprimand for being shirt-sleeve sinner!

## Contributor's Column: Rescue in the Front Office

I work and I slave, I slave and I work.  
The telephone rings! I pull and I jerk  
A t a cord that's stuck in the cussed  
jack.

I pull and.....Oh! My achin' back!  
That buzzer's ringing, that light is  
dimming;

My skillful eye is gently skimming  
Over the board to see who wants me.

Another light flashes; I'm ready to flee  
But quickly an expert comes to my aid  
And pushes me out of the chair and  
raids

The board and settles the question  
With a buzz here, and there a sug-  
gestion.

At last! I'm off duty, and I go and  
lie down

With a sigh, as I go off to slumber-  
town.

Written by Bob Leavitt in commemoration of those who have worked and are working so valiantly at the switchboard.



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## Atlantic Scholarship

This year the "Atlantic Monthly" scholarship was awarded to Joseph L. Keler, Montana State University for his short story "Behold the Brown-faced Men. His instructor is Dr. H. G. Merriam, Missoula, Montana. We regret that neither of the winners could be at Bread Loaf this summer.

## Middlebury Programs

On Friday of each week bulletins of the other summer schools' programs will be posted. Anyone from the English school is welcome to attend.

## Library Notice

Bibliothecs babble brief bulletin:

- 1) Course books may be taken for three days.
- 2) Novels, books on the General shelf, and books in the Wilfred Davison collection may be signed out for a week.
- 3) Books that have been placed on Reserve may be had for shorter periods, determined by the demand.
- 4) Magazines may be removed overnight.
- 5) Books in the autographed collection remain locked in the cradle of the glass cabinet. However, for a pretty please, the librarian will gladly get up and unbar the door.

## Recreation Resume

Hiking: At 3:00 today, starting from the Inn Porch, there will be another short warm-up hike known as Operation Gilmore Clearing.

Softball: Baseball diamond is now being cut; so start getting the throwing arms and the running legs in condition.

## Director's Office Memoranda

Please fill out the address list information required and leave it on the table at the door of the Dining Room on your way out.

All prospective graduates of the class of '47 are asked to record their names, exactly as they want them on the diplomas, on the Bulletin Board sign-up sheet. Then take the added steps to Miss Becker's office to fill in your applications for graduate credit.



# THE CRUMB

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## Reminder

Will the absent minded ones who neglected to fill out the information for the address lists yesterday please leave the do-blanked blanks with Mrs. Herrschaft at the time of your departure from the Dining Room?

## Play Tryouts

Tryouts for the second program of plays will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. Copies of the plays, "Theatre of the Soul" and "A Dollar" are available at the library

## Book Store

Order lists for the books now out of stock in the Book Store will be placed on the Bulletin Board. Be sure to sign if you desire a copy reserved for you.

## Contributor's Column

The herald has announced a message from on high:  
No gentleman shall dine with us without a coat and tie;  
So strike our noble banner, pull down our tattered sail---  
The harpies of tradition have plucked the lordly male!  
So bend the knee, we must subdue our wild sartorial urges,  
We must conform and nevermore behold the shirted Burgess;  
Our freedom lost, we must restrain our open-throated passion,  
For things are in the saddle, we've succumbed to female fashion.  
Our Bread Loaf's still a splendid place, and we still dearly love it;  
But O, it is a woman's world, and don't remind us of it!

## Suggestion for Fair Sex

"Unfair," say the men who've been given the order  
About what to wear when at dinner, "Sort-er  
Discriminating if there are no attacks  
Made on the women appearing in slacks."  
Little lady who slips to the table in shorts  
May expect some mighty rabid retorts  
From any man on this old plantation  
Who's given to ratiocination;  
If he's asked to look like Brummel, Beau  
Instead of the gleaner or man with the hoe,  
He'd like to hope that at least for dinner  
The ladies would ape C. Otis Skinner.



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## Vespers

At 7:15 tomorrow evening in the Little Theatre Rev. Harry Jones of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Middlebury will conduct the Vesper services.

## Director's Office

Will those who expect by the end of this session to have accumulated twelve or more credits at Bread Loaf plus ten transfer credits please sign on the Bulletin Board?

If you have not already done so, please give Miss Becker all transcripts for credits to be transferred to Bread Loaf from another institution (of learning, that is.)

## Library

Librarians request that if you replace a book on the shelf, you be careful to put it on the correct Course shelf in its alphabetical position.

## Attention, G. I.'s.

Mr. Sloane and Mr. Simpson, representatives from the Veteran's Administration offices, will be in the Blue Parlor Monday from 4:30 to 6:00 and from 6:30 to 8:00. It is imperative that each G. I. report.

## Fire Hazard

Please remember to heed the warnings about fire prevention. A near tragedy was just barely averted yesterday, when a small fire was discovered still in the smoldering stage.

## Snack Bar

Bart Nourse announces a change in the evening hours at the Snack Bar: 8:00 to 10:30p. Also, the bar will be closed on Sunday mornings.

## Recreation

The Badminton court is now ready for action, between the Tennis courts and the old Tea House. Get your equipment at the Inn Desk.

The first Baseball game of the season will get under way Tuesday afternoon, The Help vs. The Students. Starting time is 3:00 p.m.



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July 7, 1947

## Lecture Tonight

Dr. Erwin Panofsky, distinguished art historian of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, will lecture at 8:00 tonight in the Little Theatre on the subject "The Gothic Style in the Judgment of the Renaissance".

## Secretary's Office

Will the student who is receiving state aid from Kentucky please see Miss Becker?

## G. I. Reminder

G. I's. are asked to remember to see the Veteran Administration representatives who will be in the Blue Parlor today from 4:30 to 6:00 and from 6:30 to 8:00.

## Extra-curricular Forecast

Bread Loaf's athletic cup runneth over: Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. the softball game; Wednesday, 9:00 p.m. a Square Dance at the Barn; and Thursday (starting from the Barn at 1:30 p.m.) and all afternoon hike to Fire Tower Hill.

## Contributor's Column

Contributing a line each, six Bread Loafers, fugitives from the Hayloft School of Modern Poetry, engaged last week in communal experimentation with this result:

This year there is a sudden pain of response;

Crackles raucous in the heat

In muddy streams

Cool their feet.

Squirrels swoon and escape up the escalator.

Esoteric, ascetic specials today!

Can there be a cedar tree

To lock the sink for me

And nope?

Then split the razor blades

With wicked witches' wings,

For now the bad time is the time

For all good men to come part for their aid.

Hammer, sickening sickle cycle soon;

Plastered penguins perching precariously on plundered plank.

Forsake the barber's chair to pleat

The hawseed's hair

Instead, and volcanoes spew leather

Into the crocodile eyes.

But glory be to the nameless,

And praise be to the all unseen.



# THE CRUMB

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July 8, 1947

## Book Store

G. I.'s. will wish to straighten their Book Store accounts in view of this edict delivered by Mr. Sloane of the Veterans' Administration. The government will allow only necessary supplies and course books with the possible exception of supplementary books that the instructors deem essential. He urged that you return any unused non-essentials at once.

Copies of books by faculty members, Mr. Beck's "Pause under the Sky"; Mr. Davidson's "The Tennessee"; and Miss Drew's "Discovering Drama", "Discovering Poetry", and "The Enjoyment of Literature" are in the Book Store.

## Help Wanted

Those collecting properties for Friday's plays have urgent need of:

- 1) a dark, long-sleeved, high neck man's sweater
- 2) a dark, rough textured suit (tweed if possible) for a six feet tall, size 36 "character".

If you can supply the needed item, please take it to the Little Theatre.

## Library

Please return these missing books: Bailey's "Dr. Johnson and His Circle", Bailey's "A Dialogue on Modern Poetry", and Chaucer's "Complete Works. Apparently they were taken from the Library without being signed out.

## Saddle Horses

Two saddle horses are now available. On Sundays (it says here) you may ride from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on weekdays, during the afternoon and evening. Special instruction is offered to beginners. Fees are \$1.00 an hour without and \$1.50 with an instructor. Be sure to sign for your time on the bulletin board.

## Tryouts

Tryouts for the second program of plays: "The Theatre of the Soul" and "The Dollar" will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Barn classroom I this afternoon. Play copies are in the Library and tryouts are open to everyone.

## Contributor's Column

Reactionaries at the Inn Desk have submitted the following in answer to yesterday's contribution. The management does not hold itself responsible for the shootin' war that may result.

It seems that some people can write poems  
It seems that some people just can't  
But multiply one by six and you get  
A horrible mess without slant!



# THE CRUMB

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July 9, 1947

## Inn Desk

Will Mr., Mrs., or Miss Lucky Number 1806 (consult your Middlebury College receipt) please establish his, her, or its identity at the Inn Desk immediately?

If you wish to cache your valuables, Safe Deposit envelopes are available for this purpose. Be sure to consult the good humor man or woman at the Inn Desk.

## Book Store

Order lists for textbooks and other books that have been requested will be removed from the Bulletin Board immediately after the Book Store hours this afternoon. This is your last chance to place an order.

Copies of Three Greek Tragedies and Boswell's Life of Samuel Johnson are now at hand.

## Mr. Anderson's Classes

History of the English Language class will meet for its extra hour at 2:30 today; English Literature from 1870 to 1914, at 2:30 tomorrow.

## Middlebury Item

A Peasant Market, sponsored by the Middlebury Craft Shop staff, is to be held in Middlebury on the Village Green between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m, this Friday. Handcrafts of all kinds will be for sale.

## Notes for Piano

When bell has tolled the starting lecture,  
Please heed, Pianists, this conjecture:  
That whether your forte be Bach or Tschaikovsky,  
The crowd came to listen to Frost or Panofsky.

If you play in the morning while teachers and scholars  
Combine for the fray, you may hear heavy hollers;  
Sagacity stultifies, loses its heat,  
Competing with Boogie of Basin Street.

## War Declared Via Contributor's Column

O our prophetic soul! The Battle of the Poets(?), anticipated in yesterday's THE CRUMB, is on. Will the old order (Inn Desk Force) changeth, yielding place to new (Six stalkers of Modern Poetic Prosody)? Don't miss our next exciting episode when the latter beat the former to the draw!



# THE CRUMB

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July 10, 1947

## Dining Room Service

This is to explain the Number System, affecting dining room service at the noon and night meals. Each waiter and waitress has been given a number to be kept for the duration. On the first day, the first is first in the kitchen line, the second, second; complications are at a minimum. On the second day, however, the first shall be last, and the second shall be first and you take it from there. That is why your waiter cannot always be-tray you with the speed of a rocket.

Item Two: Since milk is being served twice daily, no seconds are possible.

## Recreation

Today's hike has been called off, but there will be a Softball Game, Friday at 3:00 p.m., Students vs. Help.

## Taxi Service

Starting Monday, the taxi will be stationed at Bread Loaf. It is available for trips to Middlebury or farther. Prices will be on a mileage basis, with the exception of the Middlebury trips which are \$5.00 round trip or \$1.00 per person if more than five people are sharing expenses.

## Library

Boswell's "Life of Johnson" is still missing in action. Finder please return immediately after lunch.

## Contributors Declare War As Advertised

Bread Loaf's sextette of Modern Poets bares its collective teeth and snarls at the Inn Desk Dilettantes who have dared to raise their collective voices, decrying the communal cacophony.

dubious you  
who tripped upon our phosphorescent  
escalator  
now merrily laughs the night tiger  
at raucous peacock tongues  
classify:  
all unseen yet still all  
knowing  
while you maunder in the  
mire  
and your vinegar veins  
varicosify



# THE CRUMB

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July 11, 1947

## Plays Tonight

Don't forget the plays "Hyacinth Halvey" and "The Rising of the Moon" to be enacted in the Little Theatre tonight, curtain going up at 8:30.

## Extra Classes

To complete the 30 hours required for each course, extra classes will meet as follows: Tuesday, July 15 --8:30 classes from 2:00 to 3:00; 9:30 classes from 3:00 to 4:00, and Thursday, July 17--10:30 classes from 2:00 to 3:00; 11:30 classes from 3:00 to 4:00. This schedule will be repeated **July 22 and 24.**

## Secretary's Office

On the card table in Miss Becker's office are copies of three Bread Loaf speeches: Dr. Joyce's 1941 Commencement Address "Milton at This Hour", Mr. Stauffer's 1942 likewise "War and Poetry", and Mr. Cook's 1946 opening address "The Spirit and Aim of the Bread Loaf Idea". The fact that these are free to first comers does not minimize the dignity of either the intent or the content.

## Bookstore

No further sale of books now in the Bookstore will be made after July 19. Be sure to make all book purchases before that date. This does not apply to the recent order of books, however.

## Attention, Car Owners

Those lucky Bread Loaf people with cars are asked to remember the state edict that no parking on the highway in front of the Inn or various cottages shall be allowed.

## Song for Sudsers

Don't hang your wash in the window to dry;  
It offers offense to the naked eye  
That scans the sky, the distant hill  
Then turns unto the window sill.

Oh, horror! horror! Sped the trance  
With one quick glance at a pair of what-shall-be-nameless-  
in-a-mixed-group.



# THE CRUMB

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Bread Loaf, Vermont

July 12, 1947

## Vespers Service

At 7:15 tomorrow night in the Little Theatre Rev. Prentiss Pemberton of Cambridge, Massachusetts will conduct the Vespers service.

## Play Tryouts

Monday afternoon at 2:00 there will be tryouts for the August 1 production of William Rose Benet's play "Days End". There are parts a-plenty, both short and long. Copies of the play are available in the Library.

## Photograph Exchange

Your attention is invited to the display of Candid Classic pictures, now hanging near the Inn Desk. There will be a fairly rapid change of pictures from day to day, ranging from pictorial to candid shots, and a sign up sheet for those who wish to order.

## Hike Notice

Starting at 2:30 from the Inn Porch on Monday there will be an all-afternoon hike to Fire Tower Hill.

## Green Mountain Festival

Middlebury's famous Green Mountain Festival, to be held Saturday, July 26, will feature a morning lecture by Virgil Thomson, an afternoon performance of the Gordon String Quartette, and an evening with the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alan Carter, presenting Albert Spalding, violinist.

For the convenience of Bread Loaf patrons, tickets for single performances or the series may be purchased from John Cotter who will be in the Blue Parlor tomorrow afternoon until 4:00 p.m.

## Middlebury Art Exhibit and Tea

At the Brook Gallery (just beyond the Dog Team Tavern) there is an art exhibit of paintings of nation-wide interest. Mrs. Arthur K. Healey has invited all Bread Loafers to a tea at the gallery from 3:30 to 5:30, Friday, July 18.

The taxi will be able to make two trips, carrying seven passengers each trip. It would be appreciated if those with cars would leave at the Inn Desk the number of passengers that they could take. Also those who desire transportation should leave their names at the Inn Desk.



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July 14, 1947

## Lecture Tonight

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher will discuss the subject "The Writer's Use of Materials".

## Second Series Play Tryouts

Don't forget tryouts for "Day's End" this afternoon at 2:30 in the Little Theatre.

## Library Notice

Librarians request that you do not take books from the library without signing the card. At the moment the need is for C.M. Bowra's "Oxford Book of Greek Verse in Translation". Whoever it is that keeps it out so late/ When other textbooks have gone to stall and bin/ Ought to be told to come and take it in (to the Library, that is).

## Recreation Notice

At 3:00 tomorrow there will be a softball game, the teams choosing up after you reach the diamond.

## Contributor's Column: Ballad of the Leaky Roof

A knight rode through the good greenwood  
And lighted at our gate.  
He rose to tell us a wondrous tale  
When bells rang the hour of eight.

He hadna spoke a word, a word,  
A word but barely ane,  
When we heard a sound on our castle roof-  
'T was the wimmerin' of the rain.

He hadna spoke a phrase, a phrase,  
A phrase but barely three,  
When the flood beat loud on wa' and door,  
Like the wammerin' of the sea.

The knight he struggled with all his might-  
And oh! but he waxed warm!-  
To raise the sound of his goodly voice  
Aboon the raging storm.

Then up and rose a little foot-page,  
And a loyal lad was he:  
"Fear not, fear not, my maister dere,  
A 'mike' I'll bring to thee!"

The mike was brought, the voice was  
caught  
And rang throughout the room.  
Then louder roared the loathly storm  
To wreak that castle's doom

O he raged up and he raged down,  
And beat on the roof of tin,  
Till ere that knight had done his  
tale,  
The rain came dripping in.

At eight o'clock the rain was but,  
At nine the rain was ben.  
Oh, fetch us a right good carpenter,  
To mend our roof again!

Hazel Poole

# THE CRUMB

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July 15, 1947

## Bookstore

Remember that no books, with the exception of those still on order, will be sold after this Saturday, July 19. Be sure to make all your textbook purchases by that date.

## Book Exhibit

Harcourt Brace's representative will exhibit textbooks in the Blue Parlor this afternoon and tomorrow.

## Attention, Balladeers

All members of Mr. Davidson's course in Ballads will meet in the Barn at 7:30 this evening for a sing session. Former members of the class will also be welcome.

## Square Dance

At 9:00 p.m. tomorrow evening in the Barn this season's second square dance will start with a one-and-a-two-and-a-promenade-all. Come and swing your partner.

## Wanted

One first bass-man is needed to complete a male quartet. If you are interested, please see Mr. Volkert outside the Dining Room immediately after lunch.

## Typists Needed

Several requests have come in for people to type course papers. Anyone prepared to meet this demand is asked to leave his name at the Inn Desk.

## Contributor's Column: On the 6's Latest Poem

"Bravo," says the front office,  
"The six are getting wise.  
They've put a slant on all of this;  
Now we can compromise." (Bob Leavitt)

## Item II

There was a young lady of Bread Loaf  
Who said, "I'm beginning to dread both  
The lectures and papers;  
They're giving me vapors,  
And sadly affecting my head growth."  
(Mildred E. Jones)



# THE CRUMB

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July 16, 1947

## Square Dance Tonight

Don't forget your date for the Square Dance tonight at the Barn, starting time at 9:00 p.m.

## Recreation Notes

There will be a hike to Burnt Hill, starting at 2:00 p.m. Friday. Sign-up sheets will be hung up today for Saturday's picnic at Texas Falls.

## Bookstore

All people who received copies of Zahner's "Language in General Education" are requested to come to the Bookstore with \$2.25. This, of course, does not apply to G. I's.

## Statement of Registration Policy

The following statement of Irwin K. French, Business Manager of Middlebury College will affect all who intend to return to Bread Loaf another year:

"This spring the Office of the Summer Schools inaugurated a new registration procedure. The room deposit fee has been replaced by a non-refundable registration fee which will be requested by the secretary after her office has been notified of an applicant's acceptance by the dean of the school. This fee is not to be sent until asked for. Rooms are assigned only to those who have been accepted and have paid the required fee within ten days after its request.

"This new procedure eliminates advance room reservations. Toward the end of the Bread Loaf session, students may register their preference for a room for 1948, and Miss Hopkins, Secretary of the Language Schools, will do her best to satisfy you."

## Play Notice

Mr. Volkert wishes to thank all who came out for the recent tryouts. Unfortunately, "Day's End" had to be cancelled and "Suppressed Desires" was cast in its place. The cast for the new program is now posted on the drama bulletin board.

Sign-up sheets are now posted for backstage work on this play, and all those interested are asked to sign today.

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## Musical Program Tonight

A group of talented Bread Loafers have prepared a musical program to be presented in the Little Theatre from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. tonight. There will be selections by the male quartet (Jack Dawson, Richard Gimbel, Charles Jones, and Charles Moritz) and piano solos by John Cotter, Helen Jackson, and Thomas Maloney.

## Theatrical Production

For those who are interested we publicize the fact that Julie Haydon is appearing in "Joan of Lorraine" during the week of July 21. Tickets may be obtained by writing St. Michael's Playhouse, Winooski, Vermont (near Burlington for those who don't have a map handy). There are good orchestra seats going for as low as \$1.40.

If it is the lack of transportation that is keeping you from attending, the Bread Loaf taxi will make the trip for approximately \$10.00, to be divided among the passengers. Sign at the Inn Desk at once if you are interested.

## Bookstore

Fourteen people have failed to straighten their accounts with the Bookstore battler. It would be appreciated if they would today pay for the books charged out in their names.

## Texas Falls Picnic

Sign-up sheets for the picnic on Saturday will be removed from the Bulletin Board tonight. Anyone who has extra room in his car is asked to indicate how much space is available, in order to help those planning transportation.

## Green Mountain Music Festival

Tickets for the G.M.M.F. will be on sale each evening in the Blue Parlor. See John Cotter.

## Post-Master Receives Letter

The Post-Master, usually the forgotten man of letters who sorts and posts but rarely receives mail, reports this letter received: "Postmaster, Breadloaf, Vermont. Dear Sir: I saw the name Breadloaf Vt. in the Boston Post. -

"I'm not sure whether there is a post office there or not. However is there is, will you please put a nice, clear post mark on these letters as they collect post marks for a hobby.

"If there isn't any post office will you please mail these letters some place else.

"Thank you very kindly for bothering."



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## Art Exhibit Tea

This is to remind you that today is the day of the tea for Bread Loafers at the Brooks Gallery art exhibit, just beyond the Dog Team Tavern. Sing ho for Mrs. Healey, then, who proffers cup and saucer as a boon for those who struggle here with Wordsworth or with Chaucer.

## Library Notice

Still missing from the Library are copies of Bailey's "A Dialogue on Modern Poetry" and Bailey's "Dr. Johnson and His Circle". Please, please co-operate by returning them at once.

## Taxi Tactics

Did you know that there are several longer trips of interest to be had for the hiring of the Bread Loaf taxi? If you arrange for a group of seven to divide the cost, you could see the granite quarries at Barre, Vermont (140 miles) for \$4.00 each, the historic spots at Ticonderoga, New York (100 miles) for \$2.90, the marble quarries at Rutland, Vermont (70 miles) for \$2.00, and the Twist O Hill at Williston (130 miles) for \$3.75. Prices as advertised are approximate, for actual mileage will determine the cost at a basic charge of twenty cents a mile. For further details, inquire at the Inn Desk.

## Barn Dance Lessons

For those who wish to improve their heel-toe-and-away-we-go technique, Joe De Grey will be on hand, or do we mean on foot, at the Barn this evening. Don't fail to avail yourself of this opportunity. No longer will they laugh when you sit down at the dance floor. Joe De Grey will show you the way (to get up, that is).

## Department of Ho Hum or Who's Snorey Now?

Bread Loaf's Bureau of Statistics wishes to report the results of its 1947 census. Represented by the students enrolled here this summer are three foreign countries, thirty-four states, the District of Columbia, and Brooklyn.

New York is the winner of the Blue Parlor Ribbon for the highest enrollment, with forty-three aspirants present. Honorable mention goes to Massachusetts with thirty-three, Pennsylvania with eighteen, Vermont with fifteen, New Jersey with thirteen, Connecticut with eleven, Illinois with nine, California with eight, New Hampshire, Tennessee and Virginia with six. If you are still with me, there are five from Michigan and Ohio, four from Indiana, Maine and Minnesota, three from Texas and Wisconsin, two from Washington, D. C., Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, and South Carolina, and a solitary one each from Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Delaware, Iowa, and Utah. Our foreign representatives claim Canada, Cuba, and Puerto Rico as homelands.

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## Vespers Tomorrow

At 7:00 Sunday night in the Little Theatre Rev. Elden Mills of the First Congregational Church, West Hartford, Connecticut will conduct the Vespers service. Rev. Mills will be remembered by some of you for the article about him featured in one of this year's issues of "Life".

## Apology

The "Greasy Four" (their appellative, not ours) wish it to be known that they were not fleeing from the vigilantes when they hot-footed across the lawn after their debut Thursday night. They were escaping the limitations of their repertory: four songs.

## Invasion Tuesday

At 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, the powerful, undefeated Ripton Redlegs, soft-ball players deluxe, will tangle with the Bread Loaf Blue Stockings. Don't miss this exciting event.

## Correction

Through a misunderstanding, we misquoted Mr. Irwin French's statement concerning registration procedure for the coming year. Since your copies of the July 16 issue of THE CRUMB are no doubt destroyed, we reprint the statement in its entirety:

"This spring the Office of the Summer Schools inaugurated a new registration procedure. The room deposit fee has been replaced by a non-refundable registration fee which will be requested by the secretary after her office has been notified of an applicant's acceptance by the dean of the school. This fee is not to be sent until asked for. Rooms are assigned only to those who have been accepted and have paid the required fee within ten days after its request.

"This new procedure eliminates advance room reservations. Applicants may indicate their room preference when they send the registration fee, and while it cannot be guaranteed, every effort will be made to assign rooms as requested."

## Bookstore

Don't fail to make all your textbook purchases at the Bookstore after lunch today. This is the last call.  
P. S. Copies of Frost's "Steeplebush" have arrived.



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July 21, 1947

## Lecture Tonight

At 8:00 this evening in the Little Theatre Mark Van Doren will talk on the subject "They Didn't Know Enough".

## Middlebury College Receipts

All those who have paid their bills for this summer's session but have not yet collected their receipts are asked to call at Miss Becker's office after lunch today.

## Contributor's Column: Spink Before You Theak (a colloquy)

Student (hurriedly, as library is about to close)-May I take out Can Sarlbarg's Sandbag?

Librarian (puzzled)- I beg your pardon?

Student (embarrassed)- Sorry! I mean San Carlbag's Songbird!

Librarian (gravely)- Are you sure you do?

Student (flustered)- No, no, of course not! Sarl Canburg's Hangbag.

Librarian (shaking her head)- Never heard of it. What course is that?

Student (earnestly)- Sallad and Bolk--

Librarian (hastily)- Never mind the course! Just tell me again the name of the book.

Student (groggily)- Card--no, Barl Sonbag's Hamburg--you know!

Librarian (soothingly)- Wait a minute. Hold everything! Now, try to concentrate.

Student (wildly)- Whaddaya think I'm doing? Sand Barhong's Handbag!

Librarian (patiently)- It doesn't sound like anything we've ever had up here.

Who's the publisher? No, no! Don't try to tell me!

(The clock strikes ten)

Student (desperately, and quite by accident)- Carl Sandburg's Songbag!

Librarian (relaxing)- Oh! I'm sorry. Somebody just took it out!

by Hazel Poole.

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Postman's Postulation

by Dick Haseltine

This life as a Postmaster is one I would recommend to no one. You don't have to be crazy, but it helps. At mail time, people come flocking to the window.

"Is the mail UP?"

"Is the mail IN?"

"Is the mail OUT?"

.....all meaning is the mail put up in their boxes? When I send mail to Middlebury, that is mail OUT. When the mail comes up from Middlebury, that is mail IN. When we have distributed the mail to the boxes, that is mail UP. So when someone asks is the mail IN before it is UP, but meaning is the mail UP, I say yes, it is IN and they run to their boxes thinking it is UP, but it isn't. Then when they find out, they run back and say they thought I said the mail was OUT. I say no, I said it was IN, not UP, and it doesn't go OUT until 10:10. Then they look at me with raised eyebrows and go off in a corner somewhere to concentrate on something easier...like Eliot for instance.

By the way, don't forget to keep tabs on the CANDID CLASSICS DISPLAY. Making prints for you is the only relief I get.

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July 22, 1947

## Departure Blanks

Please fill out the departure blanks, which are at your places this noon, and leave them with Mrs. Herrschaft when you leave the dining room.

## Bookstore

There are about twenty copies of "Steeplebush" still unclaimed. If you wish to have your books autographed by Mr. Frost, it is imperative that you report at the Bookstore today.

Copies of "English for Social Living", "Foreign Languages and Culture in American Education", and "New Directions in Modern Poetry" have arrived.

## Hike Notice

An all-afternoon hike to Burnt Hill will start from the Inn at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

## Library

Two books, Eliot's "After Strange Gods" and Read's "Form in Modern Poetry", long missing from the Library are needed immediately by students preparing course papers. Please let your conscience guide you to the Library at once.

## Diploma Fee

Diploma fee of \$15.00 is payable now, provided you are one of the senior hopefuls. See Miss Becker in her office after lunch.

## Snack Bar

That famous Vermont Maple Candy for which you have been clamoring is now on sale at the Snack Bar. Check with the bartender concerning prices.

## Apologia

Under the wide and starey eye  
Of breakfast mates both spic and spry,  
I stalk a talk before I wake  
Yet flush a queasy quail and quake.

Matutinally I am never UP  
Until I've had my second cup.



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July 23, 1947

## Ballad Class

The Barn is reserved tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 for members of Mr. Davidson's class in Ballads.

## Attention, G. I's.

Mr. Sloane of the Veterans' Administration will be here at 1:30 today in the Blue Parlor to answer any question (well, practically any) the Bread Loaf veterans may pose.

## Bookstore

Copies of the Kazin book "On Native Grounds" which you ordered are now in the book hatchery.

Frost books purchased by you early in the session and left to be autographed may be picked up in Miss Becker's office during Bookstore hours today.

There is still a little time for you to acquire autographed copies of "A Masque of Reason" and "Collected Poems of Robert Frost". Since there are only 147 more shopping days until Christmas, you may want to fortify yourself with several copies to be inscribed with your friends' names. P. S. The six remaining copies of "Steeplebush" should be claimed at once. If you have changed your mind and do not want your copy, please notify Miss Butler, for there are several people who would like to replace you on the order list.

## Departure Blanks

Time schedules for departures by bus or train from Middlebury are on both Bulletin Boards. If you failed to hand in your departure blanks yesterday, please consult the time-tables and leave the necessary information at the Inn Desk today.

## Refunds Available

Middlebury College checks for Robert Beloof, Millicent Bolling, Josephine Chandler, Travis E. Harris, Dolores Ropke, and Ethel C. Watson are awaiting the lucky people in Miss Becker's office.

## Hike Cancelled

Burnt Hill expedition scheduled for today has been postponed until Friday at 2:00.

## UP Bulletin

Don't complain about the rain, it's snowing in Cleveland, Ohio!

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## Exam Schedule

This is the way we mix your dread,  
Mix your dread, mix your dread;  
Summon a caddy to hold your head;  
This is the time for mourning.

	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 7 :	8:30 classes	9:30 classes
Friday, August 8 :	10:30 classes	11:30 classes

## Taxi Notice

People who will be wanting taxis for the concert Saturday evening should contact Mr. Herrschaft today.

## G.I. Bulletin

Veterans who desire a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility, in order to continue training under P. L. 346, should write to: Veterans Administration, White River Junction, Vermont, AT ONCE! Veterans should state when they will complete their course at Middlebury College, when and where they will train the coming college year, and request a Supplemental Certificate for further training.

## Middlebury College Receipts

These people are asked to claim their receipts from Miss Becker immediately after lunch today: Robert Beloof, Josephine Chandler, Dorothy Day, Mary Ellis, Frank Hobson, Helen Jackson, Mildred Jones, Elizabeth Kingsley, Ernest Zimmerman,

## Senior Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the Senior Class in the Blue Parlor immediately after lunch today.

## College Vacancies

There are three positions vacant at St. Lawrence University, an Assistant Professor at a salary of about \$4,000 and two Instructors at about \$2,800. For further details, see Mr. Cook.

## Bookstore

Copies of Mr. Frost's autographed books are now awaiting their owners. Anyone receiving just an autograph on the books returned yesterday may have his own or a friend's name added by bringing his book to the Bookstore today.



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July 25, 1947

## Barn Business

At 3:00 this afternoon in the Barn, Mr. Beck and Mr. Shepard will discuss Romanticism and the Twentieth Century. There will be an informal symposium with students from their classes participating: Mr. Beck's followers, Albert Bodian, George Sullivan, and Dora Palmer; Mr. Shepard's, Bob Brengle, Normand Paquette, and Rosamund Sellet. Everyone who can spare it is invited to lend an ear.

## Photograph Exhibit

Remember the photograph exhibit that is to be in the Blue Parlor all day today.

## Bookstore

Copies of Mr. Beck's "Final Score", Miss Drew's "Directions in Modern Poetry", Mr. Frost's "Steeplebush", and Mr. Kazin's "On Native Grounds" will be held for those who placed the order no longer than today. Thereafter they will be sold to the first comers.

It would be appreciated if the G. I's. would try to anticipate all their needs for Bookstore supplies and make their purchases by Monday next. It would be helpful if at the time of the last purchase each veteran would bring his credentials with him.

## Recreation Bulletin

The scheduled hike to Burnt Hill will start from the Inn Porch today at 2:00 p.m.

Ripton's raid on Bread Loaf's Baseball enthusiasts will be run off tonight. Teams will go to bat and base at 7:30 p.m.

Hardier souls who enjoy a fast and wicket game will want to sign up for the Croquet Tournament, but they must act immediately, for the sign-up sheets will be removed from the Bulletin Board after supper tonight.

## Contributor's Column: The Going, a la Cummings

Where nothing is everything,  
And the theys are all we,  
We will come without going,  
As manys of one.

We will have ever'd our nevers, yes'd  
Our no's, through the becomings of am,  
Past the look without seeing,  
To see without looking.

When under is over and black is white,  
Anyone breathes without breath,  
And there isn't there anymore,  
But all here!

by Ethel Frazier

# THE CRUMB

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July 26, 1947

## Vespers

At 7:15 in the Little Theatre tomorrow evening there will be a reading by Mr. Volkert and selections from Beethoven by Mr. Anderson.

## Wilfred Davison Gift

Four books have been given to the Wilfred Davison Memorial Library by Elinor Fitzgerald, class of '43. They are in memory of a former Bread Loaf, Nellie Beaton, who died recently as the result of a tropical disease contracted while she was in the Waves.

## Library

Bush's "Mythology and the Renaissance Tradition" is missing from the Library. Please check your book shelves to make sure you are not the guilty one. It is also urged that you be sure to sign your name to the circulation card in the back of each book that you remove from the Library.

## Bookstore

A few copies of Zahner's "Language in General Education", Lenrow's "Readers Guide to Prose Fiction", Rosenblatt's "Literature as Exploration", and Kaulfer's "Foreign Languages and Cultures in American Education" are still available. Walk...do not run...to the nearest exit! Three Emerson books on order have arrived.

Those who have asked to have any unclaimed copies of Frost's "Steeplebush" or Drew's "Directions in Modern Poetry" may gather at the Bookstore after lunch today. When the last customer has departed, the unsold copies will go to the holder of the lucky number, in a legal lottery.

A sum of money was found last evening. If you have discovered your loss, please report to Miss Butler during the Bookstore hours after lunch today.

## Croquet Tournament

Lists for the Croquet Tournament are now posted outside the Little Theatre, and the battle is on. Be sure to check the lists carefully and appear at the scheduled time.

## Candid Classics Department

"A sunset....clouds hovering over the mountains...buildings nestled among the trees... Gilmore...the Little Theatre...the Barn...all are pin-points of memory, clear now but hazy in years to come. If I were you, complete with a love for Bread Loaf, I would combat the dimming of memories by selecting suitable Candid Classic pictures for a Bread Loaf Album," says Dick Haseltine.



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## Square Dance Tonight

Square dance enthusiasts will be happy to hear that there will be another rugged session, starting at 7:30 this evening, in the Barn.

## Requests for Transcripts

Please sign on the Bulletin Board if you wish a transcript of work done at Bread Loaf. Transcripts for the summer of 1947 are free; complete transcripts of several summers of work are \$1.00.

If you order one for which a fee is due, you are to pay Miss Becker as soon as possible, and your transcript will be mailed to you by the Registrar of Middlebury College.

## Candid Classics Commentary

"If I could not find just what I wanted among the pictures for sale, I'd tear up to the Inn Desk or stop Dick Haseltine in his roamings and kick. I'd tell him what I wanted. He is slow and rather easy going, but I'll bet he'd see that your requests were granted! (For pictures, that is.) And remember, you are investing in a retention of a memory," says D. H. (Desk Handyman) Haseltine.

## Bookstore

There are still a few copies of Mr. Davidson's "Tennessee" and Mr. Frost's "A Masque of Reason" available. Ditto for Emerson, Kaulfer, Rosenblatt, and Zahner...

Will all G. I.'s. who have made their last purchase at the Bookstore please come today to settle their accounts?

## Quick! Here! Now!

Oh, truly I'm  
A hopeless case,  
So little Time  
So much Space  
And now I die  
I faint, I fall;  
Would you were I,  
I not at all.  
Won't someone heed  
And quickly come  
With copy seed  
To fill THE CRUMB?

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July 29, 1947

## Lecture Tonight

At 8:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre Miss Esther Cloudman Dunn will lecture on the subject "Shakespeare Today".

Miss Dunn, who was a Bread Loaf instructor in 1939, has been a member of the Smith College faculty since 1922 and has written a number of books: "Ben Jonson's Art-Elizabethan Life and Literature as Reflected Therein" (1925), "The Literature of Shakespeare's England" (1936), and "Shakespeare in America" (1939).

## Departure Notice

When we requested tentative information regarding your plans for leaving Bread Loaf, what we received was very incomplete. Tomorrow noon you will be asked to state positively the time of your departure. Train and bus schedules have been posted on the bulletin boards and are available at the Inn Desk. Even though the information which you gave us previously remains unchanged, we want you to fill out the cards that you will find at your places Wednesday. We MUST have a card from EACH person.

Subsequently, taxi schedules will be posted giving departure hours from Bread Loaf. These must be carefully noted and followed by the individuals involved.

## Recreation Report

There will be an all afternoon hike Wednesday, leaving from the Inn Porch at 2:00 p.m. for Widow's Clearing and Clark's Clearing.

On Saturday there will be a picnic at Texas Falls with the departure hour set for 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will go up today and down tomorrow night.

## Bookstore Ultimatum for Veterans

After Thursday of this week (July 31, to you) no Bookstore G. I. transactions shall be permitted. Thus speaketh the voice of the Treasurer's Office of Middlebury College.

Please remember to come to the Bookstore as soon as you have made your final purchase to affix your signature to your account. Thus speaketh the Hound of Bookville.

## Candid Classics Comment

The present series of the Candid Classics Department will be removed from the bulletin board Thursday of this week.

Pictures ordered from previous displays will be ready tomorrow.

Dick Haseltine says, "In case you have been wondering why Mail-Up time has sometimes been delayed, it takes a long time to read all the post cards."



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July 30, 1947

## Departure Notices

We emphasize again the fact that everyone leaving Bread Loaf, whether by bus, auto, train, plain, bicycle, tricycle, scooter, roller skates, foot or mule-pack MUST fill in the necessary information requested on the departure blanks at his place this noon. It is imperative that you slip the slips to Mrs. Herrschaft before leaving the Dining Room. Please, please co-operate.

## In Re: Transcripts

The request for transcripts has caused some misunderstanding. Your grades for this summer will be sent you about two weeks after the session is over. The transcript would be useful only if you need to prove that you have earned an increase in salary as a result of your summer's work or if you wish to transfer these credits to another institution.

If you do not need a transcript for either of these purposes, please remove your name from the list on the Bulletin Board.

If a need for a transcript arises at some future date, you may obtain one by applying to the Registrar at Middlebury College.

## Library Notice

A copy of Kaulfer's "Foreign Language and Culture in American Education" has gone AWOL. Please return it to the Library immediately.

## Double Trouble

Jane Borst complains that she has lost her identity somewhere in the vicinity of the Bookstore. Consider the sad plight of one Borst, or what is even sadder, two Butlers.

Jane resents your inquiries following her in endless succession.

"When is the Bookstore going to open?"

"Do you have any 3x5 cards?"

"How many post-cards may I buy for twenty-five cents?" "Could you cash a check?"

"Have the Zahner's come?" "Have the Lenrow's come?"

And so on unto Kingdom come!

Be it known that Jane Butler is NOT Norma Borst.....er.....Bane Jorst is NOT Borma Nutler. Whoops! Something is amiss: a Miss Borst and Miss Butler, in fact.

And that is the story of my double and how I undid her. Please note, for womankind cannot bear very much duality.

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July 31, 1947

## Exhibit of Paintings

Six water colors of Bread Loaf scenes: the Barn, Tamarack, the Inn, the Stable and two of Bread Loaf mountain will be shown in the Blue Parlor this weekend. The artist is on campus, one Jane Cannon of Colorado State University.

## Bookstore

Please, Mr., Mrs., or Miss G. I., come without fail to the Bookstore today to complete your account.

Two people who ordered copies of Emerson's "Essays and Poems" have failed to claim them.

The autographed Frost books are awaiting their owners in Miss Becker's office.

## Candid Classics Department

Dick Haseltine announces a new line, namely, boxes of match folders bearing scenes of Bread Loaf. Matches will be on display in the very near future, and we can promise that they will provide a happy solution for that too long Christmas list.

## Ripton vs. Bread Loaf

Tonight at 7:30, and this time we really mean it, the long promised battle between the Ripton and Bread Loaf opponents will be enacted. Don't miss the chance to cheer your team to victory.

## Contributor's Column: On Not Being Too Darned Particular

Has no one told these baby swallows playing in the nooks and hollows  
Near our lecture hall  
That, be they human, be they bird, children should be seen, not heard?  
Still they chirp and call.

Let them from their narrow ledge sing! From the mouth of babe or fledgeling  
Words of wisdom fall:  
"When each one of us, as nestling, for his nourishment was wrestling,  
Nothing could appall.

"See how brisk we are, and nimble! Had we pecked, as from a thimble,  
Now we could but crawl.  
Be it lecture, be it dinner, he who yields is still the winner--  
Swallow, swallow all!"

by Hazel Poole



# THE CRUMB

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August 2, 1947

## Readings Tonight

At 8:00 tonight in the Little Theatre Mr. Robert Lowell will read from "Lord Weary's Castle" and some of his new poems. Mr. Theodore Roethke will read from his new volume of poetry to appear next autumn, published by Doubleday Doran, "The Shape of the Fire". We are grateful to them both for their kindness.

## Applications for 1948

Tentative applications to attend Bread Loaf in 1948 may be made out now and left with Miss Becker.

## Vespers Tomorrow

At 7:15 tomorrow evening Dr. Reichert will conduct Vespers, speaking on the subject "The God of the Hills".

## Bookstore

Copies of the Middlebury College Press books, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$3.00, are now in stock. There are volumes of poetry, a book of Bread Loaf plays, and the now famous punctuation handbook "Stops".

## Contributor's Column: The Decemvirs

When to the sessions of examination thought  
We summon up a jumble of things past:  
Casimir, Riel, E. Estlin Cummings; vast  
Brow erudite chaos in pupils wrought,  
The Herrenvolk---er, teachers---now are sought,  
And anxious students read and hear aghast,  
And swallows coo: "Knowledge does not last;  
Justice is blind, and rewards not as she ought."  
But Voila! Bran Toasties! Cheer the day!  
Like little Davids on the fields of war,  
With slings in hand, select small stones to slay  
The sage Goliaths beckoning from the door.  
But Mercy, will she pardon when we've done?  
No answer comes, but Life meanders on.

by Oliver Butterworth

Editor's Note: To understand this poem, you have to have all your faculties.

## Picnic Postscript

Texas Falls picnickers will leave at 4:30 this afternoon from the Inn Porch.

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August 4, 1947

## Bookstore

After the Wednesday evening hours, the Bookstore will be closed. Be sure to make all your purchases before that date.

Don't fail to see the Middlebury College Press books, for they are of special interest to Bread Loafers.

## Checking Out

We regret that no more checks can be cashed at Bread Loaf this summer. This is a bank regulation not ours. 'Tis true; 'tis pity.

## Candid Classics Display

By now, only the bats (present company of course excluded; we hasten to add) will have failed to see the display of match folders imprinted with Bread Loaf scenes. For \$1.00 a box you may have one view repeated fifteen times or five each of three different views. Your purchases will reach you by November 30 in plenty of time to be forwarded to someone's Christmas stocking.

## Department of Interior Decoration

Anyone who has some time free at the end of the week is asked to go to the Blue Parlor immediately after lunch today. For Operations Graduation, several hands are needed to deck the Little Theatre in honor of the seniors.

## Departure Notes

The taxi schedule as advertised on the Bulletin Board will be followed exactly, the taxi leaving on the tick of the minute of departure indicated. Therefore, if you miss your taxi appointment, you will of necessity miss your train or bus.

Posted at the Inn Desk is the baggage collection schedule. All articles to be removed must be ready by Friday at 8:30 a.m. If you have indicated that your baggage is to be checked on your ticket, be sure to leave your ticket with Mr. Herrschaft before Friday morning.

## Pictures For Sale

We neglected to say in our announcement of the Blue Parlor exhibit of paintings that each picture is priced at \$5.00. Any prospective purchasers should see Jane Cannon



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August 5, 1947

## Library Notice

The Library will close officially at 2:00 p.m. Friday. Please observe these rules about returning your books to the Library:

1. All course books are to be returned before the exam is given.
2. All books must be returned by 2:00 p.m. Friday.
3. If you are leaving early, be sure to return your books before you go.
4. If you are staying for the Writers' Conference, you must turn in your books by the deadline Friday.

Several books are still missing, among them Gerould's "Ballad of the Tradition". Please be sure to check your book-shelves before you leave.

## Bookstore

Four copies of "Holdfast Gaines" are now available, priced at \$3.00 each.

There is a new postcard, a drawing of the Little Theatre, selling for five cents.

## Decoration Committee

So few people offered their services in decorating the Little Theatre for graduation that we would like to underline our plea. Anyone who has a few free hours on Friday to donate to the cause is asked to report to the Inn Desk.

## Atlantic Scholarship, 1946

Mr. Robert Beloof, of the Friends University, Wichita, Kansas was last year's winner of the Atlantic Monthly scholarship for his poem "Letter to Paul and Anna Aschenbach". He is in residence this summer, too, with a Bread Loaf Scholarship.

## Beat! Beat! Brains!--Blow! Tops! Blow!

The frost is on the bumpkin, and the mourn is in the shock

Of finding that the cranium's equipped with Yale lock;

Eternity is now; the moment emerges!

One could do worse than be a swinger of dirges.

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## Examination Schedule

To refresh your memories on an unpleasant subject, we reprint the exam schedule:

### Thursday, August 7

9:00 a.m.

The Analysis of Literature  
The Teaching of the English Language  
Chaucer  
American Literature Since the Civil War

2:00 p.m.

The Craft of Fiction  
History of the English Language  
English Poets of the Romantic Period  
Contemporary English and American Poetry

### Friday, August 8

The Greek Tradition in English Literature  
The Teaching of Literature in the Secondary School  
Dr. Johnson and His Circle  
Emerson and Thoreau

Literary Composition  
Play Production  
English Literature from 1870 to 1914  
American Ballads, Folk Songs, and Folk Tales

All examinations will be given in the Little Theatre.

## Square Dance

Friday night, starting at 8:00 in the Barn, the final Square Dance of the season will be held.

## Notice for Writers

Bread Loafers, or friends of Bread Loafers, who wish to publish poetry, short stories, essays, or critiques may submit material to Hika, an undergraduate publication at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio.

Although no fees are paid, Hika has an exchange basis with most collegiate publications and some publishers.

## Alice, Where Art Thou?

We nominate for Hall of Fame  
Fair Alice of the coffee urn;  
Our mealtime shouts, our wild acclaim  
And then our woe if she should spurn  
Us...this modern counterpart of Hebe  
Can bring us joy or Hebe-jeebies.



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## Program Tomorrow Night

At 7:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Little Theatre there will be a variety program with Robert Beloof reading from his poetry, Mr. Maloney officiating at the piano, and the audience providing the finale with a round of group singing. At 8:30 those who wish to absent themselves for the felicity of the Barn Dance will depart. "To each his own," we always say. What do you always say?

## Inn Desk Reports

Only six of the thirty people who have indicated that their luggage is to be checked on their tickets have released their tickets. We wish to remind them that it is imperative that they leave the necessary items at the Inn Desk as soon as possible.

## Library

Please remember to return all course books before the exam starts. The librarians want to start checking books preparatory to returning them to Middlebury College. If everyone would be considerate and bring IN all books that are OUT at the earliest instead of the latest possible moment, the librarians' Aspirin needs would be greatly lessened.

## Transportation Department

Miss Helfer is driving to Canandaigua, New York and would welcome companions for the trip, especially someone who could help with the driving.

John Cotter has his thumb out for a ride to California or any intermediate point such as Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo, or Denver. He will be happy to share the driving as well as the expenses.

## Croquet Tournament

The finals in the famous Croquet Tournament were played off last night with Barbara Boggs and Hugh Joyce defeating the runners-up, Barbara Bradshaw and Ernest Zimmerman, in a hard fought match.

## Contributor's Column: (Based on a true experience) Please Pass the Scream

There once was a mouse--not so dumb--  
Who to our Norma Butler did come.  
When she asked him, "Why here?"  
He answered, "My dear,  
I'm told that you issue THE CRUMB!"

by Hazel Poole



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## Program Tonight

This is to remind you that the program tonight will begin at 7:15 in the Little Theatre and that at 8:30 the square dancers may rush to the Barn to join hands and circle round. Something new has been added to the entertainment promised the dancers. Jack Vosburgh, prestidigitator extraordinary, will perform his repertory of legerdemain at some time later in the evening while the toe-hoppers are resting.

## Library Notice

Please remember to return ALL books to the Library by two o'clock today. To date, these are the missing books which, we hope, will come back to the fold by the deadline: "The Tempest" (822.33Q5Ki); Wordsworth's "The Prelude" (821-W 92 pe); Bernbaum's "Drama of Sensibility" (822.9 B 52); Bailey's "Dialogues in Modern Poetry" (808.1 B 15 d--copy 2); Wordsworth's "Poetical Works" 821-W 92 c--copy 1); Cohen's "One Act Plays by Modern Authors" (808.82 C 67 copy 2); Shaw's "Major Barbara" (822-553 ma). We know this reads like a report from Alcatraz; heed it carefully, however, as you stifle your yawns.

## Bookstore

Three Frost books inscribed for Debora Mac Neilan, Marian Sherman, and Maureen Faulkner remain unclaimed. Will the owners please pick them up at the Inn Desk today?

The five missing autographed Frost books will be left at the Inn Desk either today or tomorrow. If your copy is not at the desk when you leave, please leave your name and address, and your book will be mailed out to you.

## Notice to Juniors

Those who expect to be graduated next summer should make sure that the Registrar at Middlebury College has received an official transcript of their undergraduate record or of any credits that they intend to transfer.

## Departure Note

Eleanor Fowler is driving to Bangor, Maine, leaving here at 7:30 a.m. Sunday. She would be glad to take one or two passengers who might be going her way, to Hancock, Montpelier, and then on Route 2 to Bangor.

## Candid Classics

Don't forget the match folders with scenes of Bread Loaf. This is a matchless--er--matchful way to send a friend a remembrance twofold, of you and of Bread Loaf.



Flower Gatherers, Attention

All those who can help in the flower picking activities, necessary for decorating the Little Theatre, are asked to meet in the Blue Parlor at 5:00 today.

Commencement Procedure Saturday

At 6:00, all Seniors, "now calm of mind, all passion spent," meet in the Blue Parlor.

At 6:15, the grand march into the Dining Room will be executed by the conquering hero and heroines. All other members of the student body are asked to be seated before this time.

At 7:40, Seniors and members of the Faculty will meet in the Blue Parlor for an exchange of last, long looks and the traditional alphabetizing of the Seniors.

At 8:00, "Nods and becks and wreathed smiles," and, incidentally, the Commencement exercises are now in progress.

Contributors Column: The Tempest in a Nut-shell

You do look, students, in a mov'd sort  
As if you were dismay'd: be cheerful, sirs,  
The exams are almost ended. These our teachers,  
As we suspected, are really human, and  
Are likely to be fair, to be quite fair:  
But, like the baseless fabric of our answers,  
The cloud-capped thoughts, the gorgeous misconceptions,  
The aching temples, the great gloom itself---  
Yea, all which it disinherit shall revolve,  
And, by this too substantial nightmare jaded,  
Leave but a wreck behind.

by Oliver Butterworth